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Mail Stop Amendment **Confirmation No. 2858**

In re application of: atoshi KIDOOKA Attorney Docket No. P23559

Application No.

10/616,970

Group Art Unit: 3739

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: P.J. VRETTAKOS

For

TREATMENT TOOL FOR ENDOSCOPE HAVING END EFFECTOR OPERATING LIKE PINCERS

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop Amendment Customer Service Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Interview Summary in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

X A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449, and a reference cited.

A Request for Extension of Time.

X No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

Pursuant to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on April 23, 2007,

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the hereincontained amendment and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.